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Truck Driver Jailed In Threat on President

RICHMOND, May 6, (AP)—A federal judge has ordered a truck driver sentenced to prison for a 90-day study by federal penal officials after convicting him of threatening to kill President Nixon.

John William Heffron, 49, of St. Petersburg, Fla., testified yesterday in U.S. District Court he voted for Nixon and thought the President was doing a good job. He said he shared two bottles of bourbon with a friend on the day of the threat and could not recall talking to Richmond police.

But police furnished tape recordings in court of his conversations from a phone booth the night of March 25 with Richmond police dispatchers. He was arrested in the booth talking to police after Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. employees traced the call.

Judge Robert R. Merhive Jr., who convicted Heffron, will pronounce a final sentence after he receives a report at the end of the study he ordered by panel officials.